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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Ducray et al.	:	Examiner:	Powers, Fiona
Serial No.:	10/518,210	:	Art Unit:	1626
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Filed:	Nov 21, 2005	:	Docket No.:	H-32531A
For:	AMINOACETONITRILE DERIVATIVES SUITABLE FOR CONTROLLING PARASITES			

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2008, please amend and reconsider the instant application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a Three-month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) is submitted herewith, to extend the time for reply through August 4, 2008.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.
Remarks begin on page 13.